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THE CURRENT COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN IN THAILAND

Within the pa st two years, Thailand has become a major target of the international communist movement. The Sino-Soviet bloc is has inaugurated madaxiskes a major effort in Thailand, subjecting the country to an increasing barrage of words and actions. In particular, the Chinese especially, Communists, have expanded their efforts against Thailand, and appear to be the leading or guiding element in the development of the expanded and integrated communist campaign against the country.

The current intensified into communist interest in Thailand has two major purposes. The primary and priority Communist objective in is to persuade, or force, the Thai Government to change its present free Wards foreign policy to one move in harmony with the Sino-Soviet objectives in the area. The secondary objective is the development of a fertile ground within the country for the future development of Communisms (called "Socialism" in the Communist lexicon) to plant the seeds for the future development and acceptance of a communist ideology and organization.

The current Communist campaign in Thailand has emphasized four specific targets, purposes which the international communist movement is attempting to achieve in the immediate future. These four specific purposes are:

Waster Free World, in particular theximens ite immediate withdrawal by Thouland from the SEATO Pact, and the adoption of a "neutralist" foreign policy.

- 2. The development of Thai trade relations with the Communist bloc countries, particularly with Communist China, and the development of Thai economic dependence on such trade.
- 3. The promotion of an anti-West identity of interests among Asian utility by Chain Communication of the Asian Solidarity Committee, is an example of this.
- 4. The development of a "people to people" relationship—ppeoples diplomacy"—to replace or supplement regular official and diplomatic relations and contacts. Simultaneously, such "people—to-people" contacts are used to "promote" and "advertise" the "achievements" and "peaceful intentions" of communist Exercises countries.

Of the paramementioned above, the principal and overriding manapurpose of the current communist campaign against Thailand is the first one listed—the severing of Thailand's foreign policy alignment with the Approved For Release: CIA-RDP78-00915R000800180002-2

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Free World in particular is immediate withdrawal from the SEATO Pact,

and the adoption of the a "neutralist" foreign policy. The remaining

purposes are in support, and secondary to this one purpose.

The Sino-Soviet campaign in Thailand is a n important element of

its global tactical objective -- to reduce the ability of the FreeWorld Xexmaxia xitaxelefana axxesin to rally and unite its defenses against Sino-Soviet aggressive and the United States. subversive intentions, by isolating Consequently, in Southeast Asia, the destruction of the SEATO Pact is the primary objective, and the defection of Thailand from the Pact is the specific target. However, byno means does this imply that the communist Abvement has forgetting its ultimate intention to achieve power within the country by any and all memens available means. Thailand's withdrawal from the SEATO Pact or the development of a Thai "neutralist" foreign policy would place Thailand in a vulnerable position. To the international Communist as one which favors movement a "neutralist" foreign policy favors the Sino Soviet objectives. To the international communist/Movement, as indicated at mix the 20th Party Congress of the CPSU in 1956, available like the CPSU in 195 poliny for non-Commun is a temporarily acceptable expedient, Communist leaders have made no secret of their belief in the "invincibility of the cause of Socialism " (Communism) I throughout the world, nor have they changed their view that a "bourgeois nationalist" regime is merely the first stage in the conquest of power in the countries of Asia and the Middle East.

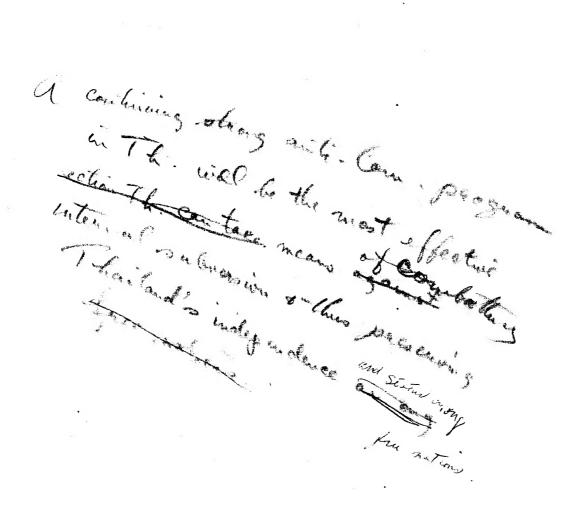
In Thailand, the International Communist Movement is imploying a menumber of well developed techniques attacks and successfully used in other countries and tailored to the particular Thailand requirements of the training in Thailand.

The principal techniques are:

- 1. The overt and covert support and promotion of groups and individuals favoring the Sino-Soviet position and causes. For example, in the Burmese elections of April 1956, the Chinese Communist Government gave substantial financial aid to the National United FRont, which according to the Burmese Government where mainly responsible for the election gains of the Anti-Burmese Government, anti-West National United Front.
- 2. The exchange of semi-official delegations and cultural groups.

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3. Infication and manipulation of the nese and Thai language Approved For Release: CIA-RDP78-00915R000800180002-2

ments. Such Items are releaded by the Soviet Embassy, TASS, and by the NCNA (New China News Agency) or broadcast mass Chinese Communistanck and Soviet Union are frequently available without charge for republication by Thei publications.

4. The promise of "huge profits" to promote trade with the Sino-Soviet bloc. However several countries, e.g. Burma and Japan, have found the "huge profits" to be non-existent. The Chinese Communists after a propaganda fanfare announcing the signing of trade agreements their with Japan, have not fulfilled any of the pledged/trade quotas.

Burma has found that its rice delivered under trade agreement with the result.

Chinese Communists and the USSR, has been transshipped to to compete with Revenue with Burma's regular are market.

purposes. Although the re has been now known use of xmak Soviet, installations in Theiland for such purposes, it must be presumed to exist.

There are numberous known examples of the use of toviet official installations, such as exist in Thailand. Soviet Embasse, TASS, Soviet delegation to EMAFE, Exports the for intelligence and espionage purposes in many such a such as the fact of the social series of the presumed to exist.

Within the immediate future, no change is foreseen in the communist objectives and targets in Thailand. The Sino-Soviet bloc will undoubtedly continue their intensa efforts to induce of force Thailand to change its processes World foreign policy and to withdraw from the SEATO Fact,

The Communist effort in Thailand is currently handicapped by the

Thai Anti-Communist Law, The law has prohibited the organization of
a "legal" Communist party, and of national affiliates of the international Communist front organizations such as the International Union
of Students and the World Federation of Democratic Nouth. Consequently
there probably be an infinified campaign to repeal, the anti-Communist

Law in order to permit the organization and development of such instruments
of the International Communist Movement in Thailand.

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